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The Civil Engineer's Mega Bookmark: 6(9): Discussion Forums: Usenet and Mailing Lists...

USENET is a world-wide distributed discussion system. It consists of a set of "newsgroups" with names that are classified hierarchically by subject. There are more than 20.000 newsgroups on different subjects organized in hierarchical structures, i.e. [sci.* \(science\)](#):

[sci.engr.civil](#), [sci.engr.heat-vent-ac](#), [sci.energy](#), [sci.environment](#) etc. etc.

Some examples of interesting web based discussion forums:

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Searches for earlier contributions and discussions in USENET can be done via the excellent service **DEJA**: The Source for Internet Discussion Groups. Read the [FAQ, Frequently asked questions!](#) DEJA archives more than three years worth of discussion group postings. You can browse all groups and find one which will match your interests.

A special service is this "easy-to-use": [EEVL's Engineering Newsgroup Archive - 40 day archive](#)

MAILING LISTS is the other alternative. Mailing lists (sometimes called listservs) use email as the means by which participants take part in discussions, and they are generally managed by software which automates the processing of email messages, ensuring that all those subscribed to the list receive each message sent by other participants.

Unlike newsgroups which can be accessed relatively easily and anonymously, users must first subscribe to a mailing list before they can read any of the messages posted to it.

The Internet provides thousands of discussion groups via e-mail by allowing users to place themselves on electronic mailing lists. You'll find all information about how to join, and information about the current members and searchable archives for all earlier-posted articles and so on. Be sure to read the details about the differences between the subscription address, and the submission address and other important information

Examples of some valuable mailing lists (including message and member archives)

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[Civil Engineering:Research and Education](#)

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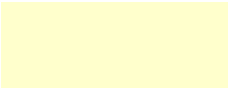
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